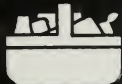


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# CONSUMER TIPS > >

## CHECK THE FOLLOWING BEFORE BUYING

(Information from Bureau of Home Economics, USDA)

1. Weave & Shrinkage - material should be sturdy, firmly & strongly woven, with soft & comfortable texture; should take good press, not wrinkle easily, not show spots. All materials should be thoroughly shrunk. (See on label.)
2. Size & fit - buy to fit regardless of size labels. Don't buy sizes too large, but select trousers with outlet seams, elastic waistbands, or pleated waists.
3. Tailoring - should be cut accurately with grain of cloth to keep shape & fit. Avoid piecing in crotch. (over)

Seams should have minimum allowance of 3/8 inch, finished by "serging." In knickers, worsted leg bands are best.

4. Linings - Made separately from trousers before putting together; no folds or wrinkles. Material - closely woven cotton twill with soft, flexible, leathery texture.

5. Pockets - made of heavy twilled cotton; mouth should be taped inside to keep shape; bar tacked on ends to prevent tears; seams should be double stitched.

6. Waist - bias inside facing, firm bias strip of cotton underneath; at least six belt supporters, evenly spaced.

7. Fly - If button type, 5 or 6 buttons better than 3; 2 on waistband; bone buttons best; buttonholes worked straight with grain, closely stitched, carefully cut. Lining stay inside fly should extend down through crotch.

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